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In Re the Application of:

JIUZHI XUE, et al

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THOI V. DUONG

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800, GROUP ART UNIT 2871. **EXAMINER THOLV, DUONG AT 703-872-9319 ON MAY 27, 2003.**

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TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Response to address the Final Office Action having a mailing date of March 25, 2003. Please charge any deficiency in the fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

This Response is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 25, 2003. In that Action, Claims 1-22 were pending, each of which were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Liu et al. (USPN 6,141,076). Reconsideration of the rejections of Claims 1-26 is hereby requested.

The applicants are unable to follow the logic of the Final Office Action. Either a Notice of Allowance or a more responsive Office Action is hereby requested.